

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A multipurpose handheld implement comprising:

 a first member and a second member, the first and second members being connected together to move between a first position, in which they form an elongated body, and a second position;

 wherein the first member comprises a staple magazine and a staple driver and the second member comprises a staple anvil of a stapler;

 the members when in the second position forming an interspace to receive a workpiece for processing by the stapler as the first and second members are moved relative to one another;

 wherein inactivating means are provided by which the stapler is inactivatable so that the members can be moved into the first position without ejecting a staple; and

 wherein at least one of the members comprises at least one additional tool movable between respective storing and working positions, the first and second members when in the first position forming a grip for handling the at least one additional tool in its working position.

2. (Original) The implement of claim 1, wherein locking means for releasably holding the first and second members in the first position are provided.

3. (Original) The implement of claim 2, wherein the locking means comprise a latch manually operable by an actuator on an outside of the implement.
4. (Original) The implement of claim 1, wherein the inactivating means automatically inactivates the stapler after each stapling operation.
5. (Original) The implement of claim 1, wherein activating means for activating the stapler after inactivation are provided.
6. (Original) The implement of claim 5, wherein the activating means are manually operable by an actuator on an outside of the implement.
7. (Original) The implement of claim 1, wherein locking means for releasably holding the first and second members in the first position are provided, wherein the locking means comprise a latch manually operable by a first actuator on an outside of the implement, wherein the inactivating means automatically inactivates the stapler after each stapling operation, wherein activating means for activating the stapler after inactivation are provided, wherein the activating means are manually operable by a second actuator on an outside of the implement, and wherein the first and second actuators are arranged on the first member.
8. (Original) The implement of claim 7, wherein the first actuator is a slider switch arranged on a top surface of the first member and the second actuator is a push button arranged on an end surface of the first member, adjacent to the staple driver.

9. (Original) The implement of claim 1, wherein the inactivating means is manually operable.

10. (Original) The implement of claim 1, wherein the inactivating means interrupts an operative connection between the staple driver and a staple bar within the staple magazine.

11. (Original) The implement of claim 10, wherein the staple driver is displaceable between an active and an inactive position.

12. (Original) The implement of claim 11, wherein the staple driver is spring-biased in one of the active and inactive positions.

13. (Original) The implement of claim 11, wherein the staple driver is displaceable at least into one of the active and inactive positions by an actuator.

14. (Original) The implement of claim 10, wherein the inactivating means comprises a displaceable staple stop by which staples are removable from an area where the staple driver moves into the staple magazine.

15. (Original) The implement of claim 1, wherein the staple magazine is biased by a spring towards the anvil, wherein the staple magazine is lockable against the bias of the spring and manually releasable, and wherein the stapler is inactivated when the staple magazine is locked.

16. (Original) The implement of claim 15, wherein the staple magazine locks itself automatically after each stapling operation in an inactivated position.

17. (Original) The implement of claim 15, wherein the staple magazine comprises lateral projections which are engageable by locking hooks provided in the first member.

18. (Original) The implement of claim 15, wherein the staple driver is positioned above a staple bar in the staple magazine when the stapler is activated.

19. (Original) The implement of claim 15, wherein the staple driver is positioned between a front end of the staple magazine and a staple bar when the stapler is inactivated.

20. (Original) The implement of claim 15, wherein the staple magazine is lockable in the first member by a locking mechanism comprising a lever having locking hooks for the staple magazine, the lever being supported by the first member and spring-biased into a locking position.

21. (Original) The implement of claim 20, wherein the locking hooks embrace the staple magazine in fork fashion and are moveable into a locking engagement with the staple magazine.

22. (Original) The implement of claim 20, wherein the lever is pivotable into a releasing position via an actuator.

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